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THE CONSTITVTIONS OF THE MVSAEVM MINERVÆ.



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TO THE NOBLE, AND GENEROVS VVELL-WISHERS TO VERTVOVS ACTIONS, AND LEARNING:

The Regent and Profeſſours of the *Muſæum Minervæ*, wiſh all honour and happineſſe.

HOwbeit publick actions and undertakings doe uſually receive no Preface, it being needleſſe to divulge that, which of it ſelfe will be expoſed to all mens Cenſures: nevertheleſſe new enterpriſes (how good, or iuſt ſoever they be) are commonly ſubiect at leaſt to ſuſpicion, if not unto oblique interpretation; which frequent experience, as well as in other things hath manifeſted in this our new inſtitution of an Academy here in England: *Which though already it hath been iuſtified, and approved by the wiſdomes of the Kings moſt ſacred Maieſtie, and many of the Lords of his Maieſties moſt Honourable privy Counceil, and confirmed by his Maieſties Letters patents: and theſe the following*

following Constitutions and Discipline thereof ratified under the hands and seales of the right Honourable, the Lord Keeper of the great seale of England, and the two Lord-Chief Justices. Yet for a further and more full satisfaction of all men, as well ignorant detractours, as vertuous Favourers of this Designe, some remonstrance may not seem impertinent, but rather necessary to be printed, and published for the better understanding of what hath been undertaken.

Therefore for as much as we conceive, that it is not generally nor cleerly understood, what the nature of an Academy is: nor wherefore the institution of such a Colledge is here necessary, as well as in other great transmarine Cities: we have thought it requisite, for the bringing of vertue into action, and the Theorie of liberall Arts into more frequent practise to show that such an institution is fit to be established here according to the laudable custome of other Nations: who even in the middle of their Universities have their Academies, as Rome, Bononia, Padua, Paris, Wittenberge, and other places: wherein our Aymes are directed to this end, that England may be as well furnished for the vertuous education, and discipline of her own Natives, as any other Nation of Europe.

It is sufficiently known, that the subiects of his Maiesties dominions, have naturally as noble mindes, and as able bodies as any Nation of the earth: and

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therefore deſerve all accommodations for the advancing of them, either in ſpeculation, or action. Nevertheleſſe ſuch hath been the neglect, or undervalueing of our ſelves, and our own abilities, and overvalueing of forreigne teachers, that hitherto no ſuch places for the education, and trayning up of our own young Nobilitie, and Gentrie, *in the practiſe of arms, and arts have been inſtituted here in* England, *as are in* Italy, France, *and* Germany *but that by a chargeable and ſometimes an unfortunate experience, we to our own loſſe, and diſgrace doe finde the noble and generous youth of this kingdome is ſent beyond the ſeas, to learn ſuch things at exceſſive rates, from ſtrangers abroad, wherein they might be as well, and with leſſe expence, and danger, inſtructed here at home.*

The experience not onely of the honour, but the gaine which other Nations reape by the confluence of our Nobilitie and Gentry to them, for inſtruction might be a ſufficient authoritie, and warrant for the erection of ſuch Academies, in the chiefeſt Cities of this kingdome, as are beyond the ſeas: were it not for ſome iealouſies, and ſuſpicions which the novelty of every publick action doth bring with it, as individuall concomitants: and therefore in the particular of this firſt inſtitution of that nature, ſome ſhort anſweres are requiſite to be given to ſome

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easie obiections, and aſperſions, which are made againſt it, and caſt upon it: that the right underſtanding as well of the ſinceritie of the undertakers of this action, as of the nature, and benefit of the inſtitution it ſelf may appeare.

It is ſufficien'ly manifeſt, that in this fertile age of inventions, there are few propoſitions ſet on foot, which are not branded at firſt with the now ſuſpected names of proiects for money; which aſperſion is not altogether without cauſe layd upon theſe tymes, ſince amongſt ſo many deſignes, which have been proiected, and put in action ſo few have had any reſultance towards the publick good: but for as much as hath been done either in beginning, or advancing of this Academy, (God who is the ſearcher and knower of all hearts) will thus farre iuſtifie our deſigne, that as no moneys have been given, and received, but have been imployed according to the intentions of the noble minded givers: ſo it will appeare by theſe Conſtitutions, and the ſolemne, and ſacred oath that hath been taken for the inviolable conſervation of them: that noe by-private ends are ſought for: but onely the honour, and publick good of our nation, and kingdome: to which end, this inſtitution is erected, and not to the preiudice of any other place, colledge, or foundation whatſoever.

Nevertheleſſe, becauſe ſome perſonages and thoſe

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of note, have out of a superaboundant caution, and care of the honour and flouriſhing eſtate, of the two moſt glorious eyes of Chriſtendome, our Vniverſities; and the moſt honourable, and famous ſocieties of the Innes of Court, made ſome doubts, and obiections, that the inſtitution of an Academy here in London, would be a preiudice to the ſaid places, by the diverſion of diverſe young Noblemen, and Gentlemen: which now or hereafter would reſort thither for their education: we are enforced thus farre to iuſtifie our ſelves, and the inſtitution, that as we owe due reſpects, and honour to all the aforeſaid places, where moſt of us have been happy in our educations: ſo we never had any intention to detract any thing from them, nor yet that oultrecuidance as to think that any foundation, or inſtitution could be erected, either ſo great, or abſolutely perfect (much leſſe this ſmall, and humble one of ours) as might any way eclipſe them, or derogate from them, ſince we ſhall hold it for a ſingular honour, if this Academy may be eſteemed, as a production of their glorious beames.

Now whereas the principall ſtudies for honour, and gaine, Divinity, Phyſick, and Law, remain vnto the Vniverſities, and Innes of Court (there being not ſo much as any degrees to be given in the Academy: it cannot be from any ground of reaſon conceived, that this inſtitution ſhould be preiudiciall to ſuch

places, whose foundations have so long and so honourably been confirmed.

And for as much as we are to give reasons that the institution of an Academy is necessary amongst other noble qualities, and arts, (if taught, yet not practized in the Universities nor Innes of Court:) the sciences of Navigation, Riding, Fortification, Architecture, Painting, and such like being most usefull accomplishments of a gentleman doe require a peculiar place and institution for them. And albeit many of them are taught in London, in dispersed places; yet it cannot but be iudged more convenient to reduce, and unite them in one certain place: likewise whereas many men teach them perfunctorily rather for gain then any other respect: it was held necessary to select certain men who upon oath should undertake to see them learnedly and sufficiently taught: and in brief, whereas in the Citie of London diverse strangers professe to teach sundry, or rather all the liberall arts and sciences of which many have been found to be upon examination, and triall egregiously ignorant, whereby our youth loose both their tyme, and money: it could not but be thought most necessary for the benefit, and conuenencie of all such vertuous disposed youths, as live about the Citie, as also for the honour of our nation: that such a house should be erected in which they might be regularly taught to practise the aforesaid sciences and qualities:

qualities: and in a vertuous ſocietie, have ſuch generous, and fitting recreations, as might divert them from the too much frequenting of places of expence, and of greater inconveniences.

Now to let all men know that the intention of the erection of this Academy is as well for the prevention of inconveniences, and dangers; as for the poſitive benefit of our Gentrie: there is no underſtanding man, but may reſent how many of our Noble men, and young gentlemen travell into forreigne countries before they have any language, or knowledge to make profit of their tyme abroad; they, not being any way able to get knowledge for want of language, nor language for want of tyme: ſince going over ſo young, their yeares of licence commonly expire before they can obtain to ſufficient ripeneſſe of underſtanding; which no nation is known to doe but the Engliſh: for what children of other nations come over to us before they are of able age, and ripeneſſe? To prevent which inconvenience we by this publick Act, give notice unto all men, that one great end of our inſtitution is, to give language and inſtruction with other ornaments of travell unto our Gentlemen (if they ſhall ſtay ſome tyme in this Academy) before their undertaking any long iourneys into forreigne parts.

Moreover whereas it is found by lamentable experience that Noblemen, and Gentlemen for want of an

Academy here, are as it were necessitated, to send their sonnes beyond the seas for education: where through change of Climat, and dyet, and for want of yeares of discretion, they become more subiect to sicknesses and immature death, then otherwise they might have been: We leave it to carefull prudent parents to consider how necessary the institution of an Academy here in London is, in which especiall order may be taken for the bringing up of young Gentlemen, untill both for yeares, and learning they may be fit as well to travell and make benefit of their tyme abroad, as to gain some knowledge how to prevent the dangers both of forreigne aire, and dyet.

Now in the last place we humbly desire that it may not be imputed an affectation of singularitie, or of vain glory, that we publish these our Constitutions: for that divers have been desirous to see them, and more are ignorant whether we have any setled discipline or not: which because the institution is the first of this nature in this kingdome, it may seem more excusable to be done, in this particular, rather then by any other Colledge in the Universities, whose formes of discipline are sufficiently known: And if this Designe, and the subsequent Constitutions may be so fortunate, as being seen and published to receive a condigne approbation (albeit we the present members thereof being all of us farre strucken in yeares are likely to receive

ceive little benefit to our selves, for all our great labours other then the reward of a good conscience) we cannot but hope since our institution, and colledge is already made capable by his Maieslies gracious favour, and letters patents of donation in land, as well as goods: that if not the present age, yet posteritie will afford some noble benefactours who by their bounty to this foundation in upholding and continuing of what we have begun, will perpetuate their own ever honoured memory. And thus havnig upon the aforesaid reasons been induced to manifest our actions, and future intentions in this plain, and sincere manner, unto the view of the world: we hope that our endeavours herein, will by all as favourably be interpreted, as they are by us truely and sincerely meant; and intended to the glory of God, the honour of his Maiestie, and the publick good of the common wealth.

THE CONSTITVTIONS OF THE *MVSÆVM MINERVÆ:*

IN PRIMIS, It is agreed, and constituted by the Regent and Professours of the *Musæum Minervæ*, that every man that shall be admitted into the said *Musæum* shall bring a testimoniall of his Arms and Gentry, and his Coate Armour tricked on a table to be conserved in the *Musæum*. Provided, that the sonnes of benefactours such whom the Regent and Professours shall judge worthy to be admitted, be not excluded.

Item, Every man to be admitted into the *Musæum* shall be approved by the Regent and Major part of the Professours for the time being, for his civill conversation: yet after admittance if any behave themselves to the disturbance or evill example of the rest, and will not in convenient time be reclaimed, by the same power that admitted them, they are to be dismissed.

Item, the Regent and Professours shall be accomptable for the proficiencie of the Gentlemen admitted (according to the

their capacities, diligence and time) to thoſe parents, or friends that have recommended them to their care.

Item, The Regent and Profeſſours ſhall be tyed in honour without reſpect of perſons or partialitie, to inſtruct the Gentlemen admitted with all convenient celeritie according to their ſeverall capacities.

Item, the Gentlemen admitted that by their diligence and continuance have fulfilled the term of three yeares and an halfe, if afterwards they chance to diſcontinue, ſhall notwithſtanding have priviledge of acceſſe to the *Muſæum* without any further charge to benefit themſelves by any convenient conference with their former Profeſſours, and theſe ſhall have the title of *Triennalls*.

Item, the Gentlemen who ſhall have the aforeſaid priviledges of *Triennalls* ſhall be ſuch as have ſtudied or practiſed three ſeverall ſciences, Arts or Qualities, at leaſt for the ſpace of the ſaid three yeares and an half under three ſeverall Profeſſours or their Aſſiſtants.

Item, the Gentlemen that by their diligence and continuance have ſulfilled the term of ſeven yeares, if afterwards they chance to diſcontinue, ſhall have notwithſtanding priviledges of acceſſe to the houſe, without any further charge to benefit themſelves by any convenient conference, and to ſtudie and practiſe what they pleaſe: and ſhall have libertie and licence to benefit themſelves at times appointed, by any books Charts, Experiments, Secrets, or Demonſtrations that ſhall be conſerved in the *Muſæum*, and found out while they live fit for them: according to the judgement of the Regent and Profeſſours.

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Item, of ſuch whoſe title is *Septennalls* and the major part of Profeſſours, the Regent ſhall be choſen in vacancy of a Regent.

Item, by the Major part of Profeſſours and the *Septennalls* (as many of them) as ſhall be found reſident about the Citie the Profeſſours hereafter (when any of their places are vacant) ſhall be choſen.

Item, the Gentlemen who intend to be *Triennalls* or *Septennalls*, ſhall ſtay the firſt foure vacations after their firſt yeares admittance to learn or practiſe conſtantly in the *Muſæum*: but in caſe they ſhall have urgent avocation, they ſhall ſtay other foure vacations, when their buſineſſe will permit them.

Item, no Gentlemen admitted ſhall ſuddenly leave one Science Art or Qualitie which he hath undertaken to learn or practiſe, and goe to another Profeſſour before the Regent be made acquainted with it, who ſhall make iudgement of his proficiencie in the former, becauſe the end of the *Muſæum*, is to have all that are admitted (if poſſible) more then vulgarly inſtructed.

Item, no Gentleman admitted, till the afternoon ſhall ſpeak to the Regent except it be about neceſſary buſineſſe.

Item, noe Gentleman ſhall ſpeak in the forenoon to the Regent about any buſineſſe, but either in *Italian*, *French* or *Latine*: but if any Gentleman be deficient in all theſe Languages, then ſhall he deale with ſome Profeſſour or other to ſpeak unto the Regent for him in the morning, but in the afternoon free acceſſe ſhall be granted to all that have any

occasions to conferre with him.

Item, no Gentleman admitted shall exercise himself at one about more then two particular Sciences Arts or Qualities whereof one shall be *Intellectuall*, the other *Corporall*, to avoi confusion: yet if the capacitie of the scholler be extraordi nary, this may be dispensed withall, according to the di cretion of the Regent and maior part of Professours.

Item, no visits are to be made of any person whatsoeve either to the Regent or any of the Professours, or any schol ler in the forenoon at the *Musæum*.

Item, no Professour nor Gentleman nor any other admit ted, or belonging to the *Musæum Minervæ* shall make any comparisons amongst themselves, but shall strive to excel in humanitie, and in giving every one his due for the conti nuance of concord and amity.

Item, it is agreed and constituted by the Regent and Pro fessours of the *Musæum Minervæ*, that these things follow ing shall be read and taught there severally by the Regent and Professours and their Assistants.

The Regent shall see these performed.

Heraldrye.
Blazon of Coates and Arms
Practicall knowledge of Deeds and Evidences.
Principles and Proceßes of common Law.
Knowledge of Antiquities:
Coynes, Medalls,
Husbandry, &c.

The Doctour of Philoſophie and Phyſick ſhall reade and profeſſe theſe.
- *Phyſiologie.*
- *Anatomie, or any other parts of Phyſick.*

The Profeſſour of Aſtronomie ſhall teach theſe.
- *Aſtronomie.*
- *Opticks.*
- *Navigation.*
- *Coſmographie.*

The Profeſſour of Geometrie ſhall teach theſe.
- *Arithmetique.*
- *Analyticall Algebra.*
- *Geometrie.*
- *Fortification.*
- *Architecture.*

The Profeſſour of Muſick ſhall teach theſe.
- *Skill in ſinging and Muſick to play upon*
 - *Organ.*
 - *Lute.*
 - *Violl, &c.*

The Profeſſour of Languages ſhall teach theſe.
- *Hebrew.*
- *Greek.*
- *Latine.*
- *Italian.*
- *French.*
- *Spaniſh.*
- *High Dutch.*

The Profeſſour of Defence ſhall teach theſe.
- *Skill at all weapons and wreſtling.*

Alſo *Riding* ſhall be taught, *Dancing* and behaviour, *Painting*, *Sculpture*, *Writing*. Laſtly there ſhall be annexed a *School* for the young Gentlemen, whoſe Parents are deſirous to have

have them brought up in the *Musæum* from their first yeares.

Item, these *Arts Sciences* or *Qualities* rehearsed, the Professours and their Assistants, shall teach by *Demonstration* and *Experiment* as much as the nature of the *Art* and *Science* requireth, and as much as in them lyeth.

Item, the present Professours and successours of every of them, for ever shall leave in writing some memoriall of the most selected *Points*, *Secrets*, *Experiments*, and *Demonstrations* which doe belong to every of their *Arts* or *Sciences* for the greater advancement of learning and knowledge unto the worlds end. And this shall be done at their deaths, when they dispose their estates, if they shall be then of abilitie.

Item, because learned men are many times anticipated by death, and their excellencies die with them, Every Professour shall also every new yeares day every yeare, or within the twelve daies of *Christmas* give some *Raritie* in writing or otherwise, to the Library of the house concerning their own Professions, And the Regent shall see them have rewards out of the Treasurie according to their severall deserts.

Item, the Assistants to the Regent and Professours, or to any of them shall be the most able in their severall professions that may be had or chosen.

Item, at time of sickness, great imployment, or for any reasonable cause it shall be permitted to the Regent or any Professour to substitute a deputie for some daies at his own procurement. Provided alwaies, that the Deputie work according to the Regent and Professours information and appointment,

pointment, And that his directions be according to the *Conſtitutions* of the *Muſæum.*

Item, the Profeſſour of *Philoſophie* and *Phyſick* and his Aſſiſtant or Aſſiſtants ſhall from time to time according to their abilities and opportunities make experiments of naturall things, chiefly for medicinall uſe, and what they finde certain ſhall be recorded, and what they finde otherwiſe ſhall in a book by it ſelf be noted, how and in what manner experiment was made, and how it failed, that men may not afterwards ſpend their pretious time and meanes in vain, and that the licentious abuſes of *Impoſtors* hereafter may be detected.

Item, it is agreed and conſtituted by the Regent and Profeſſours of the *Muſæum Minervæ:* that there ſhall be alwaies a Regent and ſix other Profeſſours in the ſaid *Muſæum,* according as is granted and expreſſed in the Letters patents belonging unto the ſaid *Muſæum,* confirmed by his Maieſties great Seale.

Item, in vacancie of the Regent or any of the Profeſſours, another ſhall be choſen within ſix weeks or ſooner.

Item, the Regents after the death of Sir *Francis Kinaſton* the firſt Regent ſhall be choſen out of the *Septennalls,* if there ſhall be found ſufficient choice, and the moſt worthy ſhall be choſen by the Profeſſours and *Septennalls,* who ſhall be found reſident about the Citie, otherwiſe by the maior part of Profeſſours onely.

Item, the Profeſſours in vacancie are to be choſen by the Regent and maior part of Profeſſours, but when there ſhall

be *Septennalls*, the voices of these also shall be required as ma-
ny as shall be found resident about the Citie, and the mo
worthy shall be chosen.

Item, the Regent and Professours shall be chosen by
balletting box.

Item, no forreigner or aliene born out of his Maiesties
dominions shall at any time for ever hereafter be elected or
admitted to be either Regent or Professour of any of the a-
foresaid *Sciences*, *Arts* or *Qualities*, except he be onely ad-
mitted as an Assistant by the approbation of the Regent and
maior part of Professours. And in case by any over-
sight or deceipt any such forreigner shall be admitted either
Regent or Professour, upon better knowledge of him,
he is to be dismissed immediately *ipso facto*, and another
to be chosen according to the true intents of these Consti-
tutions.

Item, in elections and other matters where voyces are ne-
cessarie, the Regent shall have two voyces, and the rest of
the Professours each of them one a piece.

Item, the Assistants shall be chosen by the Regent and
maior part of Professours.

Item, the Receiver shall be chosen by the Regent and ma-
ior part of Professours.

Item, all officers shall be chosen by the Regent and maior
part of Professours.

Item, if any man make any suit by power and authoritie for
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the Regents place, or for any place of the Profeſſours, or for any place of Aſſiſtants, it ſhall be denied him for ever.

Item, the admittance money which Gentlemen are to pay, is five pound at the leaſt.

Item, the ſaid admittance money is to be paid when the ſaid Gentlemen are admitted.

Item, The Profeſſours are to have a monthly Salary, as they uſe ordinarily to have in other places.

Item, if any complaint be made of any Profeſſour for asking too much: the Regent and maior part of Profeſſours ſhall regulate the matter.

Item, what Profeſſour ſoever ſhall be deſired to teach out of the *Muſæum*, ſhall not goe to teach any not admitted of the *Muſæum*, except he firſt acquaint the Regent or his deputie with it, and have leave of one of them.

Item, if any Profeſſour finde any agreevance any way, either in his place, or maintenance: he ſhall propound it to the Regent and reſt of the Profeſſours, and they ſhall redreſſe it as brotherly and charitably, as if themſelves were agreeved according as the nature of the matter ſhall permit, being collated with the ſtate of the *Muſæum*.

Item, no Profeſſour nor Aſſiſtant ſhall teach any man within the *Muſæum* not admitted, except he ſhall have leave of the Regent, or of his deputie in his abſence.

Item, the Regent and Profeſſours or maior part of them

them shall dispose and imploy for the good of the *Musæum Minervæ* all benefits, moneys, lands, or whatsoever shall be given or received by such Agreements, Orders or Rules as they shall see reason to make for the said end, from time to time, as occasion shall be offered.

Item, all admittance moneys, benevolences of money or lands, or what gifts soever shall be paid and delivered into the hands of the Receiver, to the use of the *Musæum Minervæ*.

Item, twice a yeare all receipts and expences shall be cast up and examined by the Regent and major part of the Professours, after a moneths warning given unto the Receiver.

Item, what lands soever are bestowed upon the *Musæum Minervæ*, shall revert unto the Donours or their Heires, if the *Musæum Minervæ* shall wholly cease, and finally be dissolved.

Item, the Regent and Professours shall make covenants with all Assistants or Deputies of the said *Musæum* from time to time, as they shall iudge it best, for the well governing, and upholding of the said *Musæum*.

Item, it is agreed and constituted by the Regent and Professours of the *Musæum Minervæ*, that every Professour shall hold his place during his life, doing the duties of it by himself, while he may without dammage or hurt to himself, and by deputie at such times as he is reasonably hindered.

Item, no Regent or Professour shall relinquish his place upon any reason, or for any benefit, except he first give security

curitie to the Regent and the reſt of the Profeſſours according to their reaſons and deſires.

Item, no Regent or Profeſſour ſhall be diſplaced for any cauſe, except for ſome enormous act againſt the ſtate and diſcipline of the *Muſæum*, ſuch as ſhall tend to the deſtruction thereof, or hath brought ſome notorious infamy upon it, which ſhall be judged ſo (according to right iudgement) by the Regent and Profeſſours, or by the maior part of them.

Item, for the better continuance: the Regent and Profeſſours ſhall by all poſſible means preſerve the bond of peace among themſelves, and without all emulation or detraction every one of them ſhall doe his beſt endeavour to advance the eſtimation and credit of every one of his fellow Profeſſours for the publick good of the *Muſæum*.

Item, that the bond of peace may be more firm, no man ſhall pertinaciouſly diſpute at meetings of Profeſſours, but onely decently and temperately propound what he iudgeth beſt, and ſhall no way for any end of his own raiſe diſturbance, or be troubleſome in over many words, or in words uttered in any cholerick manner, eſpecially if the ſcope of the ſpeech ſhall make againſt the benefit, honour, or end of the *Muſæum*, which rules if any Profeſſour ſhall break, he ſhall be ſentenced at *twenty ſhillings*, which ſhall be beſtowed upon the Aſſiſtants of *Muſick*, or other Officers of the *Muſæum*.

Item, the Receiver ſhall hold his place during his life, except there be found ſome great cauſe to diſmiſſe him, as fraud or the like.

Item, the Schoolmaster is to hold his place during his life except for some insufferable neglects of his dutie in his place or some enormous act against the good of the *Musæum*, o for some enormous scandall he deserve to be displaced.

Item, it is agreed and constituted by the Regent and Professours of the *Musæum Minervæ*, That every Professour shal keep such houres for the instruction of Schollers (as shall be set down by the Regent and maior part of Professours) as much as conveniently he may.

Item, the *Astronomicall* Professour shall keep an exact *Diary* of every of the *Cœlestiall Apparances* and of the weather, that at last we may finde the causes of our insularie varieties. And every moneths observations shall be fairely written out, and given up to the Library.

Item, the Regent and Professours shall have power to order and regulate all other matters which pertain to the discipline of the house for the greater help of Gentlemen, and better ornament of the *Musæum*, alwaies from time to time, as occasion or necessity shall require.

Item, the daies and houres of all *Lectures* and *Exercise* shall be set down in a Table to be seen by all the Gentlemen.

Item, the day of publick Musick is Tuesday, beginning at two of the clock in the afternoon.

Item, to *Publick shewes*, *Presentations*, and *Musick meetings*, none shall be admitted but such as shall bring with them that character which shall be given forth by the Regent for that time.

Item,

Item, *Private Lectures*, *Instructions* or *Exercises* shall be every day read and taught, the daies of *Dispensation* excepted, which the Regent and maior part of Professours shall sett down, by the Professours of *Astronomie*, *Geometry*, *Musick*, *Languages* and *Defence*, in any or all their severall *Arts* or *Sciences* undertaken, if their schollers come unto them.

Item, *Private instructions* of schollers by all the Assistants of the *Musæum* shall be given every day to the Gentlemen their schollers, the daies of *Dispensation* before mentioned excepted in all the several Arts and Qualities undertaken by them.

Item, *Publick Lectures* which are to be read by the Regent and Professours of *Philosophie* and *Physick*, *Astronomie*, *Geometry*, *Musick*, and *Languages*, shall be made in daies of full term onely, except for some reasons the Regent and Professours shall willingly at other times reade publickly.

Item, the *Qualities* of *Riding*, *Dancing*, *Painting*, *Sculpture*, *Writing*, and the rest shall be taught every day in like manner as before.

Item, although there be *publick Lectures* as aforesaid: yet that onely shall be accounted and received for the doctrine and learning of the *Musæum Minervæ*, which shall be found true, after sufficient experiment, or demonstration, and no other.

Item, it is agreed and constituted by the Regent and Professours of the said *Musæum Minervæ*, that no Constitution Order or Rule made by any man shall be valid for the government of the said *Musæum*, or any particular man, Professour, Officer or office of it, except it be first confirmed by the Regent and Professours.

Item, the orders and Constitutions of the *Musæum*, sha
at any time receive, increase, diminution, or alteration,
sufficient cause be found by the Regent and Professours, be
fore the death of Sir *Francis Kinnaston*. *Provided* that no new
Change or addition, hurt, but rather helpe the Continuanc
of all things at first established, As also the honour and Esti
mation of the *Musæum*, and such things which are for the
bettering of such as shall be admitted.

Item, after the death of Sir *Francis Kinnaston*, the *Funda
mentall* orders and *Constitutions* agreed upon by him the first
Regent and Professours shall never after be abolished or
changed.

Item, the Regent is to remember as he shall see opportunitie from time to time both publickly and privately, to excite the Noblemen and Gentlemen to vertuous and heroick mindes by the example of the most renowned, but especially to set before their eyes, the *Images* of the *Worthies* of our own *Nation*, and of their own Ancestours, in their severall families: so that having taken impression in the *Musæum* from the best *Ide'as*, the whole kingdome of inferiour people, in those severall Counties, where they shall be distributed to live, and shine, may finde example, help, reason, and happinesse in and being under them.

Item, the Noblemen and Gentlemen at their first admittanee shall have this Constitution immediately going before, read unto them after their admittance, that themselves may know, that one of the principall ends of their admittance into the *Societie* of the *Musæum*, is the happinesse of his Majesties kingdomes, as well as their own good.

Item

Item, neither the Regent nor any Profeſſour ſhall doe any Act or Acts of conſequence, which ſhall concern the ſtate of the *Muſæum*, of himſelf, without firſt acquainting all the reſt of the Profeſſours with it, and ſhall have it aſſented unto by all, or the maior part of them, except he be both cleer in his iudgement that he ſhall doe a good benefit for the *Muſæum*, and alſo that the omiſſion of it till the Regent and Profeſſours be acquainted with it, may prove a prejudice to the *Muſæum*.

Item, the Regent and Profeſſours ſhall keep ſecret whatſoever they agree upon to be kept ſecret, and that without generall leave, and conſent of the Regent and maior part of Profeſſours, it ſhall not any way be divulged: *Provided* their Conſultations be onely for the good of the *Muſæum*.

Item, all the Conſultations of the Regent and Profeſſours ſhall be in private.

Item, at times of Conſultations of the Regent and Profeſſours, the Regent is firſt to ſpeak or propound, Then ſecondly the Profeſſour of *Philoſophie* and *Phyſick*, and ſo every one in that order and rank as they are ſet down and named in the former *Conſtitutions*.

Item, if any two or more differ in their Conſultations, they are to be heard by the reſt to diſpute it briefly and temperately, and one after another in order: and then the Regent and maior part of Profeſſours agreeing, ſhall make deciſion.

Item, no man ſhall interrupt the Regent in his diſcourſes, nor any of the Profeſſours one another, but they ſhall have

libertie to speak what they please for the good of the *Mus-*
æum, or themselves, *Provided* they be not over tedious i
their discourses, which thing the Regent shall moderate.

Item, all matters taken in Consultation shall not be af-
fectionately, nor haitily decreed, but seriously weighed:
and if more matters are propounded, that shall first be de-
creed, which is of most and present necessitie: otherwise
what is first propounded, shall be concluded before other
matters come into deliberation.

Item, once every week shall be a meeting of the Regent
and Professours to consult for the good of the *Musæum*,
which shall be on Saturday in the afternoon, between two
or three of the clock, under a penaltie of *tenne shillings*, to the
stock of the house, except it be dispensed withall upon no-
tice given before hand, or afterwards sufficiently proved,
that notice could not be given in time.

Item, the Regent in his absence from the *Musæum*, shall
appoint one of the Professours to supply his place, whom
he shall iudge most able to discharge it, who shall doe gene-
rally and in particulars, as may be according to the Regents
directions.

Item, it is agreed and constituted by the Regent and Pro-
fessours of the *Musæum Minervæ*, that all summes of mo-
ney shall be taken by the Receiver, and delivered unto him.

Item, the Receiver shall give sufficient securitie to the Re-
gent and Professours.

Item, the Receiver shall distribute all such summes of mo-

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ney as he receiveth, according to the appointment of the Regent and maior part of Professours for the occasions of the *Musæum*, and not otherwise.

Item, the Receiver shall keep a book of all admittances which shall be very fairely written.

Item, the Receiver shall keep a book of all Receipts and disbursements.

Item, the Regent and Professours shall from time to time and at all times use and imploy the best of their endeavours to the inlargement and building or adorning of the *Musæum*, or to any other thing which shall by the Regent and maior part of Professours be iudged to conduce to the honour and advancement of the same, out of such moneys and revenues of lands as shall come to their Receivers hands by the bounty or benevolence of Benefactours or friends given to the said *Musæum Minervæ*, the Pensions of Regent, Professours, Schoolmasters, Assistants and Officers being first paid.

Item, it is agreed and Constituted by the Regent and Professours of the *Musæum Minervæ*, That the Bookes of *Secrets*, *Experiments*, and *Demonstrations* shall be communicated to none but to the Professours, *Septennalls* and Receiver, or such other, as the Regent and Professours shall upon a very great reason see cause to yeeld unto.

Item, if any Gentleman shall have any naturall Experiment or Secret, and shall communicate it to the *Musæum*, and upon tryall it be found true and good, his name and Experiment shall be recorded in *Libro Nobilium*, for a perpetuall honour unto him.

Item,

Item, if any Gentleman shall become any waies a Benefactour to the *Musæum*, he shall ever be honourably remembred in *Libro Nobilium*.

Item, there shall be *Liber Nobilium* alwaies kept, in which Benefactours and their benefits are to be recorded, beginning with King *Charles* our first and royall Benefactour.

Item, if any accidentall masters in any facultie, shall come to conferre with any Professour of the *Musæum*, and shall impart any singular demonstration in Science, or Secret in nature profitable, they shall receive an *Honorarium* of the *Musæum*, and be also honoured in *Libro Nobilium totiesquoties*, but the quantity and quality of the *Honorarium* shall be agreed upon by the Regent and maior part of the Professours.

Item, no book shall be noted or blotted with ink, lead, or other matter.

Item, no book shall be lent out of the *Musæum* but to the Professours onely, and no Professour shall take any book out of the *Librarie*, or ordinary place where it standeth, except he leave in a paper book there being for the purpose, his name, and the name of the book, and the time when he took it, and also except he acquaint the *Library keeper* with it.

Item, every book lent, when it is to be restored to the *Library* again, is to be viewed by the *Library keeper* or some of the Professours which are most likely to know it best.

Item, in the minor *Libraries* every Professour shall be chardged

rged with the books of his owne *Library*, and no Profeſ-
r ſhall take out any book out of one anothers *Library* with
t the knowledge of the Profeſſour of that Art or Science.

Item, no *Book*, *Charte*, *Inſtrument* or *Raritie* whatſoever be-
longing to the *Muſæum*, ſhall be any waies alienated, altered
or changed, except for the greater good and benefit of the
Muſæum, neither ſhall any alienation, alteration or change
be made of any *Book*, *Charte*, or *Inſtrument*, or any other
thing belonging to the *Muſæum*, but by conſent of the Re-
gent and maior part of the Profeſſours of the *Muſæum*.

Item, if any Regent or Profeſſour hereafter of the *Muſæ-
um* ſhall make away, or endeavour to deſtroy, or open his
mouth to deſtroy any books of what Art or Science ſoever,
or any Antiquitie or other matter which hath been once re-
ceived into the *Muſæum* by the Regent and Profeſſours,
and laied up there for the benefit of the Noblemen and Gen-
tlemen, or for their delight, or for any other reaſon, for
which it was by the Regent and Profeſſours at the firſt re-
ceived, and there conſerved: He ſhall *ipſo facto* be diſmiſ-
ſed, without any after reſtitution to his place again, or any
other office in the *Muſæum Minervæ* for ever.

Item, the Regent and Profeſſours from time to time ſhall
take care that ſuch of themſelves as doe ſurvive, ſhall ho-
nourably interre and ſolempnize the *Funeralls* of the Regent
or any of the Profeſſours deceaſed according to their places,
and as they have deſerved in the *Muſæum* or otherwiſe, for
the good of the kingdome: and alſo that there be *Funerall*
orations made, ſuch as may be to the honour of the decea-
ſed, for the reaſons before mentioned, and for incitement
of the living unto the beſt deſerts.

The Oath to be administred to the REGENT and PROFESSOVRS OF THE *MVSÆVM MINERVÆ*, Within three daies after their Election.

I. A. B. *doe promise and swear to yeeld and perform from ti to time and at all times all fidelity and allegiance unto our So raigne Lord King* Charles, *and doe swear and promise to execu and discharge from time to time with all fidelity my place and off of* {Regentship / Professourship} in the {Musæum / Minervæ.}

And also to perform and keep to the utmost of my power and s as long as I live, all and singular such Constitutions *of the sa* Musæum Minervæ, *which doe and may concern my said pl and office according to the true intent and meaning of the said Co* stitutions.

And also I swear and promise alwaies to advance the hono benefit and good estate of the said Musæum Minervæ *to the u most of my power.*

And to preserve and augment as much as in me lyeth, the es mation and credit of the Regent *and* Professours *of the said M* fæum Minervæ.

And lastly, never to dispense with my fidelity, honestie or co science in the Election of any Regent, Professour, Deputie Assistant, *or in doing any Act wittingly cont to the* stitutions *and* Orders *of the said* Musæum Minervæ, *or preju dicial to the same* Musæum, *for any temporall respects what soever.*

So help me God.

FINIS.